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In re Application of: Donald J. McMichael

Serial No.: 09/660,665

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Title: Enteral Feeding Adapter



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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims	Highest remaining number	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	23	Minus 35 = 0	x \$18 = \$.00

Independent Claims	2	minus 4 = 0	x \$84 = \$.00
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed July 1, 2003, Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to have the enclosed amendment considered for Examination. Please enter the following amendment:

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